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Ski Area Use Bounces Back

The past skiing season was far better than the previous season at the 25 ski areas in Oregon and Washington located on National Forest lands, according to Regional Forester Jeff M. Sirmon, USDA-Forest Service.

Use figures just compiled show all ski area use bounced back from the snowless, economy-plagued season the winter of 1980-81. Ski areas in Oregon were also up slightly from 1979-80 but those in Washington did not quite reach the level of two years ago.

Ski operators pay a fee to the Government for use of the National Forest lands that is proportionate to income. Twenty-five percent of those receipts to the Government are returned to the counties where the ski areas are located, Sirmon said.

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Attached: Skier visits to individual ski areas the past three seasons.

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Skier Visits
at Ski Areas Operating on National Forests
Oregon and Washington

	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
<u>WASHINGTON</u>			
<u>Colville NF</u>			
49 ⁰ North	61,727	24,660	67,848
<u>Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF</u>			
Alpental	112,542	19,322	94,334
Crystal Mountain	284,322	134,975	225,161
Mt. Baker	150,975	98,217	122,665
Snoqualmie Summit	172,289	47,780	180,811
Stevens Pass	341,290	162,710	340,205
Hyak	25,947	2,000	68,393
Ski Acres	149,412	20,029	162,089
<u>Okanogan NF</u>			
Loop Loop	12,514	6,692	11,381
<u>Wenatchee NF</u>			
Leavenworth	5,183	332	4,400
Mission Ridge	81,000	56,986	99,633
White Pass	104,424	29,975	95,059
<u>Umatilla NF</u>			
Bluewood	29,812	450	33,919
Washington Total	1,531,437	604,128	1,505,898

	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>	<u>1981-82</u>
<u>OREGON</u>			
<u>Deschutes NF</u>			
Mt. Bachelor	483,326	523,449	518,743
<u>Fremont NF</u>			
Warner Canyon	7,844	2,003	6,263
<u>Mt. Hood NF</u>			
Cooper Spur	12,803	1,396	14,183
Mt. Hood Meadows	323,205	141,150	305,210
Multitorpor Ski Bowl	61,757	9,430	81,109
Summit	4,978	1,420	7,828
Timberline	135,981	113,474	152,841
<u>Rogue River NF</u>			
Mt. Ashland	67,875	35,023	79,253
<u>Umatilla NF</u>			
Spout Springs	28,306	8,002	19,993
<u>Wallowa-Whitman NF</u>			
Anthony Lakes	31,765	25,651	29,776
<u>Willamette NF</u>			
Hoodoo	36,774	5,724	38,114
Willamette Pass	Did not operate	1,560	6,973
Oregon Total	1,194,614	868,282	1,260,286

